2nd Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 7, 2014

Each Advent we can choose to let the social pressures this time of year overwhelm us or to take a step back and include Christ in all our planning for Christmas. Today, as we hear of John the Baptist preaching in the desert, we need to remember our own need for repentance and our mission to make straight the way of the Lord.

Dear Parishioners: God bless our parishes as our young people are confirmed! God bless our Confirmandi, their families & sponsors as we celebrate their initiation into our Catholic faith! I thank them all for their participation & faithfulness in the preparation of our parish offered; I thank our adult & high school catechists/small group leaders for being such effective mentors and sharing their faith with our young people. (There are more people to thank for the preparation & celebration of the sacrament: please see the Confirmation liturgical aide for that.) If we can speak about who God is & what it means to be Catholic with our youth, then perhaps we can do the same with each other & our world. This coming Friday – the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – is also the national Day of Solidarity with Aboriginal Peoples. I haven't read John Raulston Saul's latest book yet, but after my time in the north, I am convinced our nation will find (or lose) our soul in how we respond to the many pressing issues around the history & present reality of our First Nations brothers & sisters. (There's an excerpt in this month's missalette, but read the entire statement at http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/commissions-committees-and-aboriginal-council/aboriginal-council/canadian-catholic-aboriginal-council/documents/4037-2014-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples about the elders who shared their faith with the members of the national council.) The Light of the World has indeed been given to us to share. Come, Lord Jesus! Have a blessed week. Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Lennisen, Steven Wild-Denys, Emily DePaepe, Darl Rau, Paul Bedard and Tanya Ashenden.

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Madge Masse, who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Sunday Morning Mass Time at St. Peter's Church

Beginning this weekend December 7th the Sunday morning Mass at St. Peter's will permanently move to 11:00 am.

Volunteers needed!!!

We are looking for members to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for both St. Boniface and St. Peter's Parishes. If you would be interested please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

A Message from your Finance Committee

The Finance Committee appreciates and depends on your generosity especially at Christmas time for the financial needs for the mission of our parishes. Currently both parishes are operating in a deficit [St. Boniface - ($9,515) and St. Peter's ($13,598)] and we are going to need a little more help than normal to make a balance budget by years end. Hopefully with your help we can meet our operating needs at both parishes for this year. Thank-you to everyone for your generosity!

The Finance Committee
Joint PPC, Finance, Building & Fundraising Committee Meeting

Due to the weather the meeting for the PPC, Finance, Building & Fundraising Committees has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church.

Knights of Columbus

Membership Dues - Membership Dues for 2015 are due in the month of December. Cost is $40.

St. Peter’s CWL

Stocking Stuffers - are you looking for stocking stuffers? St. Peter’s C.W.L. has two great items for sale - Keep Christ in Christmas” car magnets/ $5.00 each and “Angel Pins”/ $2.00 each. Both items are available for purchase at St. Peter’s Church, look for the table at the back of the church OR call 519-236-4925 to order.

Congratulations to Our Young People Who Were Confirmed this Weekend


1st Reconciliation

Our Grade 2 children will be making their 1st Reconciliation next Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Please have all your Advent Memorial Donations to the Office by the End of this Week!

Once again this year we are offering two ways for you to remember your loved one this Christmas! We will be accepting donations for both parishes for Christmas Flowers to be donated in memory of your loved one OR if you wish you can make a donation to the St. Andre Healing Garden in memory of your loved one. If you wish to make a donation in memory of someone please place your donation in an envelope and mark either “Christmas Flowers” or “St. Andre Healing Garden” along with the name of the deceased person and your name or the name you wish to use as offered by. Please have all donations into the church office by this Friday, December 12. The names of the deceased loved ones will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Annual Live Nativity

The Annual Live Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 7 pm at the Zurich Park Pavilion. Volunteer helpers are needed. Please call Pastor Nadine at 236-4697 if you can help.

Offertory Envelopes for 2015

If you are not currently receiving offertory envelopes and would like a set for 2015 or would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please contact the church office at 519-236-4191.

Decorating of our Churches

We are looking for volunteers to help with Christmas decorating at both our churches. We will be decorating after the 9 am (St. Boniface) & 11 am (St. Peter’s) Masses on Sunday, December 21. During this busy Christmas season what a great gift it is to give of your time.

Check Out Our Website

www.bluewater.dionet.ca

We invite you to check out our website to see some awesome pictures of our young people celebrating their faith during their sacramental prep and from our Appreciation Social. You will also find the latest news about our parishes, daily readings, the weekly bulletin, calendar of events for the current month, parish information, weekend mass times. Keep up to date with parish news all the time.

St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School

This week at St. Anne’s was a week of reflection with our chapel filled with staff and students participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. Also this week students are bringing in items for our Advent Project. This year we are collecting items for the Christmas Bureau, Room 2 Grow and St. Vincent De Paul. Our artists hosted an amazing Evening of the Arts, featuring paintings, photography, dramatic presentations and music from our Jazz Band, Junior Concert Band and Concert Band. Our Students for Social Justice hosted their annual Fair Trade Christmas in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages where staff and students purchased gifts made in developing countries ensuring that artists are paid fairly. Upcoming events include our Semi Formal Dance and our Advent Mass.

Ministers of Faith, Lexi Smith and Yris Van der Ploeg

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**Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish**

**Events at a glance....**

- **Joint PPC, Finance, Building & Fundraising Committee Meeting** - Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **School Mass** - Friday, December 12 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **1st Reconciliation** - Sunday, December 14 at 2 pm at St. Boniface Church

**Christmas/New Year’s Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve** - Wednesday, December 24, 2014
5:00 pm @ St. Boniface
7:00 pm @ St. Peter’s

**Christmas Mass at Midnight @ St. Boniface**
Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2014
11:00 am @ St. Peter’s
1:00 pm @ BWRH

**New Year’s Eve** - Wednesday, Dec. 31 @ 5 pm St. Boniface

**New Year’s Day** - Thursday, January 1
9 am St. Peter’s; 11 am BWRH

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**Bayview Golf Club Inc.**
R.R. #2, Zurich, Ontario N0M 2T0
Phone: 519-236-4030
Fax: 519-236-4684
Email: bayviewgolf@hay.net
Website: bayviewgolfclub.ca
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**Weekend Masses**

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**Pastoral Staff:**

- **Pastor:** Fr. Matthew George
- **Secretary:** Lori LaPorte
- **Office Hours:**
  - Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
  - Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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**Parish Organizations**

- **Parish Advisory Council:** A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.

- **Youth Ministry:** Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.

- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday at both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am masses.

- **Catholic Cemeteries:** We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St. Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.

- **Other Organizations:** Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

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**Parish Council**

- **Chair:** Bella Soudant
- **Vice-Chair:** Monique Hartman
- **Committee Members:**
  - Brian DePaepe
  - Rose Marie Rader
  - Ken Forler
  - Liz Masse

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**Website**

Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.

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**Contact Information**

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  - Zurich Ontario N0M 2T0

- **Phone:**
  - 519 236-4191

- **E-mail:**
  - bluewater@dol.ca

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

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**Celebrating Our Faith**

- **Baptism:** Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.

- **Reconciliation:**
  - God sent His Son so that we might be saved!
  - Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation before Mass on Saturday 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

- **Marriages:**
  - The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

- **Sacrament of the Sick:**
  - If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.

- **Bluewater Nursing Home:**
  - A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

- **Devotions:**
  - **St. Joseph and Saint André:** Saturday after the 9:00 am mass - St. Peter’s.
  - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.
  - Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.